

if cuts are going to be made, where should they be made, and I guess I would see the cuts being made in LB 814, and that is really my justification for bringing this issue up because I, I guess, as a member of the Legislature for my fifth year, and so forth, is I don't know how the decisions are made on these various items, and so maybe we can discuss those things with members of the body and see if my proposal is a legitimate one or not. And so with that, I would close unless Senator Korshoj wants to say something here.

PRESIDENT: Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: How many minutes?

PRESIDENT: Oh, you have almost five.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. President and members, you are right, Haberman, it is too many. He says he doesn't know why he done this. Well, I know why he done it, it is the right approach. There is no reason that the body should not get in on the capital construction part of it. Maybe it will all get put back in, but the proper approach is why not let 25 people decide on these items, let them sell the body individually on these items. I am sure a lot of it will get put back in. Maybe it will all stay in, but I have been frustrated with the process, and I think that when an agency comes in and testifies before the committee, there are so many parts to their request that we couldn't take them one by one on the floor, and I think probably the committee...I am sure the committee done a good thing with the agencies, but when it comes to capital construction, probably more people on the floor would understand capital construction than any other item in the budget. That is like a basketball game, one on one. It should be very much self-explanatory. As I understand it, this amendment takes us back to what the Governor recommended, less the satellites, and this body has been very cooperative with the Governor, pretty well followed her lead, so let's take her lead. It puts me in a little different position than I am normally in. I don't like to be normal too often anyway, but I really believe that we, as a body, can understand capital construction. If you have got a good selling point on your item, you should have no problem getting 25 votes to put it back in. And I think this would be the first major step in the appropriations process whereby more people can get involved in it. So, for that reason, that is why I jumped on that particular amendment because I think it is